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6.04.010 **Generally.**

For the purposes of this title, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by this chapter. (Ord. 1074 § 1 (part), 1992).

6.04.020 **Abandon.**

“Abandon” means to withdraw necessary care and support from any animal or to desert an animal upon any property, public or private. (Ord. 1074 § 1 (part), 1992).

6.04.030 Altered animal.

“Altered animal” means an animal which has been spayed or neutered. (Ord. 1074 § 1 (part), 1992).

6.04.040 Animal.

“Animal” means any live vertebrate creature, domestic or wild, except human beings. (Ord. 1074 § 1 (part), 1992).

6.04.050 Animal Control Officer.

“Animal Control Officer” means any person designated by the city manager, as a special municipal officer, to enforce the terms of this title. (Ord. 1099 § 1 (part), 1993; Ord. 1074 § 1 (part), 1992).

6.04.055 Animal shelter.

“Animal shelter” means any facility operated by the City for the temporary care, confinement and detention of animals and for the humane euthanasia and other disposition of animals. The term shall also include any private facility authorized by the city manager or his designee to impound, confine, detain, care for or euthanize an animal.

6.04.060 At large.

- a. “At large” includes any animal which is off the premises of the owner upon public or private property without permission of the property owner. Dogs, cats and potbellied pigs are not at large when they are under control by means of a leash (less than ten feet long with strength proportionate to that of the animal attached) held by a person capable of managing the animal.
- b. “At large” also includes any animal in the bed of a pickup truck if the animal is not physically restrained so that it is unable to reach the side of the bed.
- c. “At large” also includes any animal that is in a parked vehicle if that animal can extend its muzzle outside the enclosed cabin compartment of the vehicle.
- d. “At large” also includes any animal on the premises of the owner, possessor or keeper, which is unattended and not physically confined in such a way as to prevent the animal from leaving the property.
- e. A dog is not at large when it is being trained within a dog training area or dog park established by the Parks/Tree/Recreation Advisory Board in a public park at specified times. The Parks/Tree/Recreation Advisory Board shall recommend dog friendly parks within the City. (Ord. 1210 § 1, 1997; Ord. 1074 § 1 (part), 1992).

6.04.070 Breeder.

“Breeder” means any person who causes or allows the breeding of any dog or cat with the intent

to sell or give away all or any part of a litter. (Ord. 1074 § 1 (part), 1992).

6.04.085 Clean.

“Clean” means premises which do not have an offensive odor; do not have flies or other insects causing injury or illness to the animal (s); are free of physical hazards such as glass or exposed nails; are free of feces and urine that cause any unsanitary conditions in the enclosure(s) or the surroundings where the animals are kept. (Ord. 1074 § 1 (part), 1992).

6.04.090 Confined.

“Confined” means within an enclosure designed to prevent intrusion or escape. (Ord. 1074 § 1 (part), 1992).

6.04.100 Euthanasia.

“Euthanasia” means termination of an animal’s life by means recommended by a licensed veterinarian. (Ord. 1074 § 1 (part), 1992).

6.04.103 Fowl or poultry.

“Fowl or poultry” means ducks, geese, turkeys, pheasants, chickens and other domestic game birds raised and/or maintained in confinement with the exception of emu and ostrich.

6.04.105 Good repair.

“Good repair” means is capable of confining the animals for which the enclosure is being used. (Ord. 1074 § 1 (part), 1992).

6.04.110 Kennel.

“Kennel” means any premises in which a person engages in the business, work or hobby of boarding, breeding, buying, letting for hire, training for a fee, offering for adoption or selling dogs or cats. (Ord. 1074 § 1 (part), 1992).

6.04.115 Livestock.

“Livestock” means domestic hoofed animals and animals generally used for food or in the production of food or fiber, which are neither indoor pets, nor dogs, cats nor potbellied pigs.

6.04.120 Nuisance animal.

“Nuisance animal” means any domestic animal which trespasses on public or private property; is at large, damages, soils, or defecates on private or public property; causes garbage which has previously been placed in a garbage or refuse container to be strewn or deposited on private or public property; habitually, constantly or frequently disturbs the sleep, rest, tranquility or peace

of any neighborhood or person; chases pedestrians, bicyclists, or motor vehicles; attacks other domestic animals; any dog or cat in heat which is not confined; any animal which is tethered in such a way that either it or its tether obstructs any part of a public road, alley, or pedestrian walkway; any animal which creates offensive odors disturbing to any neighbor or person. (Ord. 1074 § 1 (part), 1992).

6.04.130 Owner.

“Owner” means any person registered as a licensed animal’s owner, any person having temporary or permanent custody of, sheltering or having charge of, harboring, exercising control over, or having property rights to, any animal covered by this Ordinance. Excluded herefrom are veterinarians temporarily maintaining on their premises animals owned by others. (Ord. 1074 § 1 (part), 1992).

6.04.140 Premises.

“Premises” means real and personal dwelling property, owned or rented, by the owner of the animal. (Ord. 1074 § 1 (part), 1992).

6.04.150 Receipt.

“Receipt” means an official document of the city or other licensing authority to be issued at the time of payment of the license or adoption fee indicating payment, which may include the name, address and telephone number of the owner and description of the animal, including the name, breed, color, sex and any other identifying information. (Ord. 1074 § 1 (part), 1992).

6.04.160 Surrender.

“Surrender” means relinquishment by the owner of ownership and granting possession to the City. (Ord. 1074 § 1 (part), 1992).

6.04.165 Undeveloped land.

“Undeveloped land” means land on which no above-grade or on-grade improvements have been constructed except those associated with the animals currently being kept on the property. Public parks, cemeteries, and playing fields are not undeveloped land. (Ord. 1074 § 1 (part), 1992).

6.04.168 Vehicle.

“Vehicle” means a device in, upon or by which a person or property may be transported or drawn upon a highway, excluding devices moved by human power or used exclusively upon rails or tracks, implements of husbandry, machinery used in construction work not mainly used for the transportation of property over highways and pedestrian vehicles while operated by a person who by reason of a physical disability is otherwise unable to move about as a pedestrian.

6.04.170 Vicious animal.

“Vicious animal” means any animal which attacks, bites or menaces persons or other animals in any public or private place without just provocation. (Ord. 1074 § 1 (part), 1992).

6.04.180 Wild or exotic animal.

“Wild or exotic animal” means any animal not already included in the categories of fowl and poultry, livestock, indoor pets, dogs, cats or potbellied pigs, but including feral dogs and cats, animals not native to the region not included in the above definitions and statutorily defined wildlife. Primates and venomous reptiles are considered wild and exotic.

Chapter 6.06

ANIMALS ALLOWED

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6.06.010 Indoor pets.

Pets which are not raised for food, fur or monetary gain and are confined exclusively within a residence or totally enclosed accessory building are not regulated within the provision of this chapter. Cats, dogs and potbellied pigs are not indoor pets. Fowl and poultry are not permissible as indoor pets. (Ord. 1074 § 1 (part), 1992).

6.06.020 Cats, dogs and potbellied pigs.

Cats, dogs and potbellied pigs are allowed. Not more than four of these animals over one hundred twenty days old may be kept at a single premise of any owner or keeper, with the exception of licensed veterinary clinics. Outdoor shelter will be provided for each cat, dog or potbellied pig that is left outdoors unsupervised for 15 minutes or more. The living quarters of cats, dogs and potbellied pigs shall be kept clean. Outdoor fenced enclosures where a cat, dog or potbellied pig will be left unsupervised shall be not less than 24 square feet in size per animal. (Ord. 1074 § 1 (part), 1992).

6.06.030 Rabbits and fowl.

Rabbits and fowl are allowed within the city; providing that they meet the following requirements:

- a. The animals belong to the individuals owning or renting the property upon which the animals are kept. Animals which are being kept in fulfillment of requirements for an educational project (such as 4-H, FFA, or scouting projects) shall be the responsibility of but need not belong to the owner or renter of the property upon which the animals are kept.
- b. The enclosure, fence, or pen in which animals are kept shall be at least twenty feet from all neighboring residences, unless the owners of said residences waive this requirement in writing.
- c. The animals shall be confined, constrained or in the supervision and control of their owner or keeper at all times.
- d. The fence, pen or enclosure shall be kept in good repair.
- e. The enclosure shall be kept clean.
- f. The animals are kept for only the purpose of education, science, companionship, exhibition or personal consumption.
- g. Animals shall not be allowed to make loud or incessant noise which may be annoying or discomforting to neighbors in close proximity.
- h. Any person owning or keeping any seamless banded pigeons, being pigeons banded by a recognized association of pigeon fanciers, may release such pigeons for exercise or performance, upon the condition that the owner or person who has possession of such pigeons shall not permit them to alight upon the buildings or property of others.
- i. Each individual rabbit or fowl specimen shall have available to it a living space not less than nine square feet in area with a ceiling height of not less than 2 feet.
- j. Not more than 12 of these animals in any combination over 100 days old shall be kept on the premises of any owner. (Ord. 1074 § 1 (part), 1992).
- k. There shall be an exception to the space requirements for these animals when they are housed, temporarily, at the Albany County Fairgrounds not to exceed a period of 14 days.
- l. An exception is granted to licensed veterinary clinics for the number of animals kept.

6.06.040 Livestock, emus and ostriches.

Livestock, emus and ostriches are allowed; provided that they meet the following limitations:

- a. There will be a minimum space for stable and lot of one-quarter acre of undeveloped land (10,890 square feet) for each livestock animal over 7 months of age. Each additional animal of this type must be given an additional one-fourth acre.
- b. The animals belong to the individuals owning or renting the property upon which the animals are kept. Livestock, emus and ostriches being kept in fulfillment of requirements for an education project (such as 4-H, FFA or scouting projects) shall be the responsibility of but need to belong to the owner or renter of the property upon which the animals are kept.
- c. The enclosure, fence or pen in which animals are kept will be at least twenty feet from other residences.
- d. The animals shall be confined, constrained or in the supervision and control of their owner or keeper at all times.

- e. The fence, pen or enclosure shall be kept in good repair.
- f. The enclosure shall be kept clean.
- g. The animals are kept only for the purpose of education, science, personal security, competition, exhibition, personal consumption, riding or packing.
- h. Livestock, emus and ostriches shall not be allowed to make loud or incessant noise which may be annoying or discomforting to neighbors in close proximity.
- i. Adequate shelter will be provided for each animal. The shelter must be of sufficient size to allow each animal to stand up, lie down and turn around in a natural position. Animals must be kept and confined within a secure structure, fence or pen.
- j. The enclosure, fence or pen shall be clearly marked with an id number that will correlate to an entry in a log maintained by the Animal Control Supervisor that will provide Animal Control Officers with contact information for the owner of the livestock so that the owner can be contacted in case of livestock escape or injury. (Ord. 1074 § 1 (part), 1992).
- k. There shall be an exception to the space requirements for these animals when they are housed, temporarily, at the Albany County Fairgrounds not to exceed a period of 30 days.
- l. An exception is granted for licensed veterinary clinics for the number of animals kept.

6.06.50 Removal of feces required – Exception.

- a. Notwithstanding other provision in this title, it is unlawful for the owner of any other person accompanying a dog to cause or permit the dog to be on public or private property not owned or possessed by such person, unless such person has in his or her immediate possession, a device or implement with which to remove dog feces and a container or implement to use in transporting the feces to a garbage or refuse disposal can. It is unlawful for the owner of a dog or other person accompanying the dog to fail to remove the dog's feces from public or private property not owned or possessed by such person to a garbage or refuse disposal can. This subsection does not apply upon undeveloped land.
- b. This subsection shall not apply to a person who is visually or physically handicapped to a degree which renders such person physically incapable of complying with this section. (Ord. 1074 § 1 (part), 1992).

6.06.070 Wild or exotic animals prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for anyone to own, harbor, any wild or exotic animal. This section does not apply to: legally operated museums; zoos or circuses; state or federally licensed wildlife keepers; as well governmental agencies. Provided however this section is applicable to the above listed entities if notice has been given by the City that by reason of inadequate caging or other means of protection of the public from such animals(s) or by lack of adequate sanitation measures or by another hazard connected with the animals(s) involved, that the public health and welfare is endangered.

6.06.080 Removal of prohibited animals or animals over and above numbers allowed.

- a. If a person is keeping or harboring any prohibited animal(s) or is exceeding the number of animals allowed in the city, an Animal Control Officer shall forthwith send written notice to such person, requiring such person to remove said animal(s) from the city

within fourteen days of the date of said notice. Notice as herein provided shall not be required where such animal has previously caused serious physical injury or death to any person or animal, or is at large. In the case of an at large animal the Animal Control Officer may cause said animal to be immediately seized and impounded, or killed, if seizure and impoundment are not possible without risk of serious physical injury or death to any person.

- b. The Animal Control Officer may seize or impound any wild, exotic or domestic animal where the person keeping or harboring such animal(s) has failed to comply with the notice sent pursuant to 6.06.070 of this title.
- c. Any reasonable costs incurred by the City of Laramie in seizing, impounding and or confining any animal shall be charged against the owner, keeper, or harborer. Such charge shall be in addition to any fine or penalty provided for violating this ordinance.
- d. Any person, firm or corporation violating any provision of this ordinance may be fined, and each day shall be a separate offense.

Chapter 6.08

LICENSES

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6.08.010	Generally.
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6.08.040	Tags – Display.
6.08.050	Tag – Duplicates – Transfer.

6.08.010 Generally.

It is unlawful for any person to keep any dog, cat, or ferret for which a valid license has not been attained and which is more than one hundred twenty days of age. The owner of a dog, cat or ferret shall, immediately after the animal has attained the age of one hundred twenty days, license the dog, cat or ferret with the city. Each license issued to a dog, cat or ferret shall be valid for one calendar year. The owner shall present a current certificate of rabies vaccination signed by a licensed veterinarian before being issued a license for the dog, cat or ferret. (Ord. 1495 § 2, 2006: Ord. 1383 § 1, 2002: Ord. 1074 § 1 (part), 1992).

6.08.030 Tags – Issuance.

- a. The owner of a dog, cat or ferret will be issued a City animal license by the city or authorized veterinarian upon presentation of a current certificate of rabies vaccination, reasonable proof of ownership, completion of the required application form, and payment of the established license fee.

- b. The annual license fee shall be established by City Council resolution.
- c. The City manager may authorize any licensed veterinarian who has a place of business in Albany County, Wyoming to issue licenses pursuant to rules as may be established. Each veterinarian authorized to issue licenses shall remit all collected license fees to the City pursuant to the rules established. (Ord. 1495 § 4, 2006: Ord. 1074 § 1 (part), 1992).

6.08.040 Tags – Display.

Current license tags issued to dogs and cats and ferrets shall be worn by the dog or cat at all times. If an animal is implanted with a microchip the microchip number may be registered in conjunction with the purchase of a city license; the registered chip may function in lieu of visible tag. (Ord. 1495 § 5, 2006: Ord. 1074 § 1 (part), 1992).

6.08.050 Tags – Duplicates – Transfer.

In the event a valid license tag is lost, the owner may obtain a duplicate tag upon payment to the city of a fee established by resolution of the City Council. If there is a change in ownership of the dog, cat or ferret during the license year duration, the new owner may have the current license transferred to his or her name upon payment of a fee established by resolution of the city council. A licensing receipt, receipt of payment of adoption fee or licensing tag shall be used only for the dog, cat or ferret licensed (Ord. 1495 § 6, 2006: Ord. 1074 § 1 (part), 1992).

* Prior ordinance history: Ord. 657.

Chapter 6.16

NUISANCE AND VICIOUS ANIMALS

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- 6.16.015** **Conditions for Maintenance of Animal Post Conviction**
- 6.16.020** **Penalties and Disposal order.**
- 6.16.030** **Feeding wildlife**

6.16.010 **Generally – Violation**

It is a violation for any person to keep or harbor any animal within the corporate limits of the city which is a nuisance animal or which is a vicious animal. The testimony of an Animal Control Officer or police officer based upon personal observation is competent evidence upon the issue of whether an animal is vicious or has disturbed the tranquility or peace of any neighborhood or person. (Ord. 1099 § 1 (part), 1993: Ord. 1074 § 1 (part), 1992).

6.16.015 **Conditions for Maintenance of Animal Post Conviction**

If a person owns/keeps an animal that has been convicted one time of a vicious dog offense and

that person wishes to continue to own/keep said animal, the following conditions must be met and applicable fees must be paid:

- a. The dog must immediately be spayed/neutered and proof of completion of the procedure must be provided. Proof shall consist of a spay/neuter certificate from a licensed veterinary practice and/or other reasonable confirmation acquired directly from said veterinary practice.
- b. The dog must have a microchip permanently implanted under the skin and the microchip must be scanned by an Animal Control Officer to confirm its placement in the dog. The permanent, individual identification number shall be entered into the animal's permanent record with the Division of Animal Control and Welfare.
- c. The dog may be photographed from multiple angles by an Animal Control Officer at the time of microchip scanning and the photos may be entered into the animal's permanent record with the Division of Animal Control and Welfare.
- d. The animal when outside must be on an adequate leash and the leash must be in the hand of a person physically capable of controlling the dog.
- e. If the animal is allowed to spend any time outside off leash the dog must be contained in a chain link kennel situated on a concrete pad. Said kennel will have a latching gate that a dog would be unable to open. Said kennel shall have a roof of chain link material. Said kennel shall be in good repair and may be inspected annually by an Animal Control Officer.
- f. The owner/keeper of the dog shall maintain current contact information on file with the Division of Animal Control and Welfare and shall, in consideration of the necessary paperwork and inspections, pay a "Vicious Dog Licensing Fee" of \$100.00 annually. This license shall require an orange license tag issued by the City be worn by the dog at all times.
- g. The owner/keeper shall secure a liability insurance policy in the amount of \$250,000.00 that will cover injury, damages and death caused by the vicious dog. A copy of the policy shall be submitted to Animal Control to obtain the annual license. It shall be provided in the policy that it is known that the dog has been convicted of being a vicious dog and there shall be no exclusion for damages, injuries or death caused by the dog.
- h. Failure to comply with the above terms shall result in the forfeiture of the animal.

6.16.020 Penalties and disposal order.

- a. In the interest of the health, safety and general welfare of the residents of the city, the municipal judge may order that an animal which has been adjudged vicious be surrendered to the City. Upon failure of the owner to comply with such an order within twenty-four hours after rendition, the Animal Control Officer shall take such animal into custody. In carrying out a written order signed by the municipal judge, the Animal Control Officer may go upon any property of the owner, keeper or harbinger, within the city jurisdiction.
- b. In the event that a person has been convicted of harboring a single animal for the third or subsequent time of being vicious, the court shall order that animal to be surrendered to the City and subsequently destroyed.

(Ord. 1099 § 1 (part), 1993; Ord. 1074 § 1 (part), 1992).

6.16.030 Feeding wildlife.

It is a violation for any person to intentionally feed wildlife including pigeons but excluding songbirds and tree squirrels, in such a manner as to result in congregations of such animals or attraction of predators as defined by the Wyoming Game and Fish.

Chapter 6.20

ANIMAL CRUELTY/NEGLECT

Sections:

6.20.010 Cruelty - Generally

6.20.013 Neglect.

6.20.015 Removal of animals by Animal Control Officers or Peace officers.

6.20.020 Injury of animal – driver’s responsibility

6.20.010 Generally.

- a. It is unlawful for any person to overdrive, overload, drive when overloaded, overwork, torture, torment, harass, badger, bully or terrorize, deprive of necessary sustenance, cruelly beat, or mutilate any animal.
- b. It is unlawful for any person to permit any dogfight, cockfight, bullfight or other combat between animals.
- c. It is unlawful for any person to carry in a cruel or inhumane manner, any animal.
- d. It is unlawful for any person owning, harboring or caring for an animal to abandon that animal.
- e. Animals must be allowed access food and water of sufficient quantity and quality to maintain basic health and to prevent suffering.
- f. Animals must be provided with and have access to necessary shelter from extreme weather.
 1. Such shelter shall be structurally sound, maintained in good repair to protect the animal from injury and from the elements, of sufficient size to permit the animal to enter, stand, turn around and lie down in a natural manner.
 2. Any shelter which does not protect the animal from temperature extremes or precipitation, or which does not provide adequate ventilation or drainage, shall not comply with this section.
- g. It is unlawful for any person to keep any animal in a vehicle or other enclosed space in which the temperature is likely to become either so high or so low, or the ventilation is so inadequate, as to endanger the animal’s health.
- h. Any peace officer, community service officer or Animal Control Officer is authorized to use whatever means is reasonable and necessary to remove any animal from a vehicle or other enclosed space whenever it appears that the animal’s life or health is endangered by extreme temperatures or lack of ventilation within the vehicle or other enclosed space.
- i. No peace officer, community service officer or Animal Control Officer shall be liable for damages to property caused by the use of reasonable means to remove an animal from such a

- vehicle or other enclosed space under such circumstances.
- j. It is unlawful to fail to provide veterinary attention and treatment to prevent suffering due to injury or illness.
 - k. It is unlawful to cause or permit any of the acts or omissions contained in this section to be done. Ownership or the commission of such acts of cruelty on private property shall not be justifiable defense for violation of this chapter.
 - l. No person shall willfully and needlessly kill, maim, inhumanely trap, or disfigure any domestic animal, except as provided for in this title.
 - 1. It shall be unlawful to intentionally administer poison to any animal in violation of state or federal law.
 - 2. It shall be unlawful to intentionally cause to be ingested any foreign object by any animal. (Ord. 1074 § 1 (part), 1992).

6.20.013 Neglect

- a. It is unlawful for any animal to be left in a parked, unattended vehicle for more than 15 minutes during any period where the outside temperatures exceed 75 degrees.
- b. Any shelter, all bedding and any spaces accessible to the animal shall be kept clean.
- c. Animals may be tethered as a means of confinement only in accordance with the following:
 - 1. They may not be tethered longer than 8 hours in any 24 hour period.
 - 2. They may not be tethered on a line less than 3 times their body length as measured from tip of nose to tip of tail.
 - 3. They may not be tethered on a line that weighs more than $\frac{1}{4}$ of their body weight.
- d. Tethered animals must be secured in such a manner as to allow access to shelter, food, and water as otherwise required and the area must be free of obstruction and potential for entanglement.
- e. Animals may not be tethered in temperatures that exceed 80 degrees Fahrenheit or temperatures below 32 degrees Fahrenheit, unattended.
- f. All animals must be groomed in such a way as to allow free and complete range of motion and to prevent skin irritation, skin damage, infection and the entanglement of foreign bodies in the fur.
- g. It shall be unlawful to confine any animal in an airline crate, pet taxi, pet porter, show crate or other similar enclosure for more than 10 consecutive hours.
- h. It shall be unlawful for any person to carry a living animal upon the hood, fender, running board, or other external part of a moving vehicle or in the open bed of a pickup truck or other vehicle if the vehicle is moving upon a public road or highway, unless the animal is protected by framework, carrier or other device sufficient to keep it from falling from the vehicle, or properly tethered in the bed.
- i. Under this section the maximum fine for a first offense shall be no greater than \$200.

6.20.015 Removal of animals by Animal Control Officers or Peace Officers

- a. Upon the determination by an Animal Control Officer or Peace Officer that the animal is being subjected to an act of cruelty or neglect, an Animal Control Officer or Peace Officer may remove and impound that animal.
- b. All other animals residing under similar circumstances may be removed and impounded for

- safe keeping for the duration of the trial process.
- c. All animals involved shall be housed at the Laramie Animal Shelter or at a local veterinary hospital until order of the court at the expense of the owner. Any hearing concerning disposition of such animal shall be granted priority on the Court's calendar.
 - d. If the defendant is found guilty of the offense of cruelty to animals, the defendant may not be allowed to own, keep or harbor an animal within the city limits of Laramie for the period of 6 months as a condition of probation from the date of conviction. Any animals owned, kept or harbored by the defendant shall immediately be surrendered to the Laramie Animal Shelter for disposition.

6.20.020 Injury of animal – driver's responsibility.

The driver of any motor vehicle involved in an accident resulting in known injury or death to an animal shall immediately give notice of such accident to the police department. (Ord. 1074 § 1 (part), 1992).

Chapter 6.22 INCOMPETENT OWNER

6.22.010 Incompetent owner.

- a. The City of Laramie may initiate administrative proceedings to declare an owner incompetent under the following circumstances:
 1. Convicted of one or more violations of this title on six separate occasions in a 12-month period
 2. Convicted of owning/keeping a vicious dog on two occasions in 24 months
 3. Convicted of neglect on two occasions in a 12 month period.
 4. Convicted of cruelty to animals on any occasion.
- b. Such proceedings shall be instituted by service of a notice, in writing, upon such owner either by certified and regular mail to the owner's last known address or personally. The notice shall contain:
 1. The name and address of the owner who is subject to such declaration and revocation;
 2. The names, descriptions and license numbers of any pet animals licensed to the owner;
 3. A description of the violations or requirements which form the basis of such declaration and revocation, including the case numbers, if any;
 4. A summary of the effects of such declaration, including revocation of all pet licenses and surrender of all pet animals;
 5. The date of proposed entry of the declaration and revocation order which shall be not less than ten days after the date of mailing or personal service of the notice; and,
 6. Notification of the availability of an appeal, if the owner objects to such declaration and revocation, within ten days of the date of mailing or personal service of

the notice.

- c. Upon entry of such declaration and revocation order, unless an appeal of such order is filed with the Division of Animal Control and Welfare in accordance with this section, such incompetent owner shall be required to surrender all pet animals to the Division of Animal Control and Welfare within 24 hours. Failure to surrender such pet animals shall result in immediate impoundment by an Animal Control Officer. Such surrendered or impounded pet animals shall immediately become the property of the City of Laramie and may be disposed of by the Laramie animal shelter as the animal control deems appropriate.
- d. An owner who is declared an incompetent owner shall be prohibited from licensing, residing with, or owning any animal in the city for a period of 6 months from the date of entry of the declaration and revocation order.
- e. An appeal of such declaration and revocation order shall be heard by a hearing officer designated by the animal control authority and shall provide an opportunity for the owner to appear and offer evidence to dispute the declaration and revocation order within ten business days. The filing fee for each appeal shall be \$100.00. A determination to affirm or reverse such order shall be entered by the hearing officer within ten days of the date of the hearing.

Chapter 6.24

KENNELS

Sections:

6.24.010 Licensing - Generally.

6.24.010 Licensing – Generally.

A person maintaining a kennel or who owns or keeps five or more dogs or cats which are over one hundred days of age except for the purposes of conducting a bona fide dog or cat show for public attendance and appreciation, must be permitted to operate under the Unified Development Code as well as abiding by any applicable animal ordinance. (Ord. 1074 § 1 (part), 1992).

Chapter 6.28

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

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6.28.010 Powers and duties – Generally.

The Animal Control Officer shall enforce this title as well as other duties as assigned as Community Service Officers and shall provide all impounded animals with suitable care, feed, water and veterinary attention while so confined.(Ord. 1099 § 1 (part), 1993: Ord. 1074 § 1 (part), 1992).

6.28.20 Enticement off owner’s premises – Prohibited.

- a. The Animal Control Officer shall not entice any animal off of its owner’s premises, unless
 - 1. The animal is suspected of biting a person
 - 2. The animal has been seen off premise immediately prior by an Animal Control Officer (ACO).
 - 3. The animal has been seen by the Animal Control Officer committing an act of nuisance
 - 4. The animal is suspected to be diseased
 - b. Enticement shall not include the setting of traps, including food for bait, by or at the direction of an Animal Control Officer.
- (Ord. 1099 § 1 (part), 1993: Ord. 1074 § 1 (part), 1992).

6.28.030 Recordation.

A record of each impounded or surrendered animal confined in the Animal Shelter shall be maintained and may include the following, if known:

- a. Date of impoundment
- b. Description
- c. History of inoculations
- d. Other facts known about the animal
- e. Information concerning disposal

(Ord. 1099 § 1 (part), 1993: Ord. 1074 § 1 (part), 1992).

6.28.040 Seizure and impoundment – Generally – Authorizing care.

- a. The Animal Control Officer may seize and impound an animal at large or an animal which has committed an act which is defined as a nuisance in Chapter 6.04 in the presence of an Animal Control Officer or an allegation of having bitten a human, with the exception of entry

into buildings meant for human occupancy or residences.

- b. If an animal is injured and the owner cannot be immediately located, the ~~humane officer~~ Animal Control Officer shall have authority to seize the animal and in the owner's absence to contract with a licensed veterinarian for all necessary and reasonable care for such injured animal.
- c. Upon the veterinarian's recommendations the Animal Control Officer may authorize euthanasia for the injured animal.
- d. All reasonable costs incurred for treatment of the animal shall be reimbursed to the City by the owner upon demand for such by the City. No animal may be redeemed by the owner until such costs have been reimbursed to the City. (Ord. 1099 § 1 (part), 1993: Ord. 1074 § 1 (part), 1992).

6.28.050 Disposal of dead animals – Recordation.

- a. The Animal Control Officer may remove and dispose of any animal which is found dead upon any property, public or private.
- b. Records of such recovery and disposal of domestic animals to include location and description of any such dead animal shall be kept.
- c. An Animal Control Officer shall notify the owner if known.
- d. Costs of removal of animals from private property shall be borne by the owner of the property upon demand by the City. (Ord. 1099 § 1 (part), 1993: Ord. 1074 § 1 (part), 1992).

6.28.060 Impoundment – Notice to owner.

If the owner of any animal impounded pursuant to this chapter is known, the Animal Control Officer shall, as soon as practicable within a twenty-four-hour period, personally notify the owner of the animal's impoundment or post notice of the animal's impoundment on the owner's property. (Ord. 1099 § 1 (part), 1993: Ord. 1074 § 1 (part), 1992).

6.28.070 Impoundment – Citation in lieu of.

The Animal Control Officer is authorized to issue citations to the owner or keeper of any animal found to be in violation of this title or person found to commit other violations of this title, in addition to or in lieu of impoundment of the animal. (Ord. 1099 § 1 (part), 1993: Ord. 1074 § 1 (part), 1992).

6.28.080 Impoundment – Segregation of females in heat.

Any impounded female while in heat shall be placed in a segregated enclosure. (Ord. 1099 § 1 (part), 1993: Ord. 1074 § 1 (part), 1992).

6.28.090 Report of stray animals.

No person shall, without the knowledge or consent of the owner, hold or retain possession of any found stray animal for more than forty-eight hours before arranging for its delivery to the Laramie Animal Shelter or an Animal Control Officer. (Ord. 1099 § 1 (part), 1993: Ord. 1074 §

1 (part), 1992).

6.28.100 Surrender/delivery of animal- identification/fees required.

- a. As a condition of the acceptance of a surrendered/delivery animal, the Animal Control Officer shall require identification of the person surrendering the animal and may require reasonable evidence of ownership.
- b. Animals may only be surrendered by persons 18 years of age and older.
- c. Animals will be accepted from inside the city limits of Laramie as well as inside Albany County without a surrender/delivery fee.
- d. Animals surrendered/delivered by a citizen residing outside of Albany County will be required to pay a \$50 fee per animal for surrender/delivery into the Laramie Animal Shelter. (Ord. 1099 § 1 (part), 1993: Ord. 1074 § 1 (part), 1992).

6.28.110 Interference with the performance of duties – Prohibited.

- a. No person shall obstruct, hinder or delay the Animal Control Officer in the performance of their duties.
- b. No person shall willfully set any animal at large or break, or assist to break open any enclosure where such animal is confined by or at the direction of an Animal Control Officer. (Ord. 1099 § 1 (part), 1993: Ord. 1074 § 1 (part), 1992).

Chapter 6.32

IMPOUNDMENT AND ADOPTION

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- 6.32.020 Impounded animals – Fees and charges.**
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- 6.32.045 Implanting microchips in adopted animals.**
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- 6.32.090 Furnishing animals for research purposes – Prohibited.**

6.32.010 Impounded animals – Disposition.

- a. An impounded animal remaining in the Laramie Animal Shelter for more than five days, without having been identified and redeemed by the owner, shall become the property of the city and may then be available for adoption.
- b. Feral cats and other animals which are reasonably determined by the Animal Control Officer to be unadoptable may be euthanized upon receipt of an order signed by the chief

of police or his designee. (Ord. 1099 § 1 (part), 1993: Ord. 1074 § 1 (part), 1992).

6.32.020 Impounded animals – Fees and charges.

Any animal impounded under authority of this title shall be released to the owner or other authorized person thereof upon payment to the city treasurer or designee of the following fees and charges as established by Resolution of the City Council:

- a. An impoundment fee for the first day the animal has been taken up and impounded;
- b. A boarding fee for animals for each night the animal is impounded;
- c. A boarding fee equal to that charged by the place of boarding shall be charged when an animal impounded cannot be boarded at the Laramie Animal Shelter; (Ord. 1495 § 7, 2006: Ord. 1074 § 1 (part), 1992).

6.32.030 Surrendered animals – Disposition.

- a. A surrendered animal shall be evaluated for adoptability taking into consideration reported history, observed temperament and health. Once a determination has been made about the animal one of the following dispositions may be made:
 1. The animal may be made available for immediate adoption and shall be kept at the Laramie Animal Shelter a minimum of seven days for possible adoption.
 2. If the animal has been determined by ~~the~~ Animal Control Officer to be unadoptable, using Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) protocols and operating policies of the Laramie Animal Shelter, the animal may be euthanized under order signed by the chief of police, or designee.
- b. Animals surrendered by the owner for euthanasia or because of viciousness or bad temperament or health may be euthanized upon receipt of an order signed by the chief of police or his designee.
- c. When any animal is euthanized after being surrendered by the owner because of viciousness or bad temperament, or when any animal which is euthanized is reasonably suspected of having bitten a person, it shall be tested for rabies. (Ord. 1099 § 1 (part), 1993: Ord. 1074 § 1 (part), 1992).

6.32.040 Adoption – Generally.

Adoption of any animal shall be by a person 18 years of age or older deemed by the Animal Control Officer to be a responsible and suitable owner, who will agree to comply with the provision of this chapter; provided, that no animal shall be released until fees defined under Section 6.32.050 have been paid. Adoption of a dog or cat is conditional until the animal is altered as provided below in Section 6.32.055. (Ord. 1099 § 1 (part), 1993: Ord. 1074 § 1 (part), 1992).

6.32.045 Implanting microchips in adopted animals.

The Animal Control Officer may have each adopted dog or cat implanted with an identifying microchip under the skin between the shoulder blades, to allow identification of the animal.

(Ord. 1099 § 1 (part), 1993: Ord. 1074 § 1 (part), 1992).

6.32.050 Adoption – Fees – Dogs and cats.

- a. A dog or cat impounded under authority of this title and available for adoption as provided in this chapter shall be released to the adopter upon payment of an adoption fee and charges as established by Resolution of the City Council.
- b. Upon payment of the adoption fee, a receipt shall be given to such adopter. Such receipt may be presented to the city in lieu of licensing fee and a tag issued, as provided in Chapter 6.08; provided, that such receipt must be accompanied by proof of vaccination required by this title and must be presented within ten days after adoption or, within ten days after reaching the age of one hundred twenty days.
- c. If the owner of any adopted dog or cat which is subject to licensing by this title fails to obtain a license within the ten-day limit, such owner may be issued a citation and may be subject to penalties under Chapter 6.08.
- d. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any person who is over the age of fifty-five, who is deemed by the Animal Control Officer to be a suitable and responsible owner, and who does not already own an animal, may not be charged an adoption fee for a dog or cat to be kept as a pet by that person. (Ord. 1495 § 8, 2006: Ord. 1099 § 1 (part), 1993: Ord. 1074 § 1 (part), 1992).

6.32.055 Alteration of adopted dogs and cats.

- a. Any dog or cat adopted from the Laramie Animal Shelter shall be altered within thirty days of adoption, or as soon thereafter as the animal is old enough to be altered in the opinion of a licensed veterinarian. By adoption of an animal, the adopter agrees to provide evidence of alteration to any Animal Control Officer upon demand.
- b. Any person who had adopted a dog or cat who fails, neglects, or refuses to have the animal altered within the time allowed, or who fails, neglects, or refuses to provide evidence of alteration to an Animal Control Officer upon demand, is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not less than two hundred dollars.
- c. The Animal Control Officer shall remove from the custody of the adopter any animal which is not altered within the time allowed. Upon removal, the animal shall be treated as a surrendered animal. (Ord. 1099 § 1 (part), 1993: Ord. 1074 § 1 (part), 1992).

6.32.060 Adoption – Fee – Animal not dog or cat.

- a. An animal other than a dog or cat impounded under authority of this title and available for adoption as provided in this chapter shall be released to the adopter upon payment of an adoption fee and charges as established by Resolution of the City Council.
- b. If the individual is adopting a ferret, upon payment of the adoption fee, a receipt shall be given to such adopter. Such receipt may be presented to the city in lieu of licensing fee and a tag issued, as provided in Chapter 6.08; provided, that such receipt must be accompanied by proof of vaccination required by this title and must be presented within ten days after adoption or, within ten days after reaching the age of one hundred twenty days.

- c. If the owner of any adopted ferret which is subject to licensing by this title fails to obtain a license within the ten-day limit, such owner may be issued a citation and may be subject to penalties under Chapter 6.08.
- d. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any person who is over the age of fifty-five, who is deemed by the Animal Control Officer to be a suitable and responsible owner, and who does not already own a pet, may not be charged an adoption fee for an animal to be kept as a pet by that person.

6.32.070 Euthanasia – Generally.

- a. An animal which is not reclaimed by the owner or adopted after the expiration of the respective waiting period may be euthanized.
- b. Before an animal is euthanized, a description of the animal shall be published once in an official newspaper in the city or on a Laramie Animal Shelter website at least 48 hours before euthanizing, giving a description of such animal as nearly as practicable, which shall be sufficient notice to the owner or keeper, and to the public.
- c. The waiting periods and notice requirements do not apply to any animal which is the subject of a signed euthanization order from the chief of police or designee as provided above. (Ord. 1074 § 1 (part), 1992).

6.32.080 Euthanasia – Diseased and Injured animals.

- a. If, in the judgment of a licensed veterinarian, any animal is by reason of communicable disease or physical condition dangerous to the health of any other animal, or to itself, or to keep impounded, such animal may be euthanized prior to the expiration of the time period specified in Sections 6.32.010 and 6.32.030. If a licensed veterinarian cannot be contacted by reasonable means, the Animal Control Officer may euthanize an animal which is, by reason of disease or physical condition, dangerous to the health of any other animal, or to itself, or to keep impounded. In the case of such animal being euthanized, the Animal Control Officer shall not be required to give notice as provided in Section 6.32.070. The Animal Control Officer shall take steps to acquire an immediate pathological examination of such euthanized animal. (Ord. 1099 § 1 (part), 1993; Ord. 1074 § 1 (part), 1992).
- b. If, in the judgment of a licensed veterinarian, any animal is ill or injured to the extent that it is suffering and likely to die, such animal may be euthanized immediately. If a licensed veterinarian cannot be contacted by reasonable means, the Animal Control Officer may euthanize the animal upon order of the chief of police or designee.

6.32.090 Furnishing animals for research purposes – Prohibited.

No animal shall be furnished or offered for adoption by the city for research purposes to any person, facility, school or laboratory. (Ord. 1074 § 1 (part), 1992).

Chapter 6.36

DISEASE CONTROL

Sections:

- 6.36.010** **Generally.**
- 6.36.020** **Animal bite – Report – Surrender of animal.**
- 6.36.030** **Reclaiming animal – Conditions.**
- 6.36.040** **City’s responsibility when owner unknown.**
- 6.36.050** **Procedure if animal dies while quarantined.**

6.36.010 **Generally**

Any person owning or harboring a dog, cat or ferret over the age of one hundred twenty days shall have such animal vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian. (Ord. 1074 § 1 (part), 1992).

6.36.20 **Animal bite – Report – Surrender of animal.**

- a. A person, or the parent or guardian of a minor, who has been bitten by any mammal shall promptly report the incident to the Animal Control Officer.
- b. The owner or caretaker of a mammal that has bitten a person, upon demand made by the Animal Control Officer, shall forthwith surrender the animal which has bitten the person or which is suspected as having been exposed to rabies or other disease, for one of the following:
 - 1. Quarantine in accordance with the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and Control
 - a. under the supervision of and on the secure premises of a licensed veterinarian,
 - b. at the Laramie Animal Shelter at the expense of the owner of the animal, or
 - 2. at the animal’s home, in the discretion of the Animal Control Officer and
 - 3. Euthanasia and testing for presence of the rabies virus.
- c. If an animal dies while under quarantine, the Animal Control Officer may immediately collect the animal carcass and submit it for testing for rabies. (Ord. 1099 § 1 (part), 1993; Ord. 1074 § 1 (part), 1992).

6.36.030 **Reclaiming animal – Conditions.**

Upon payment of all expenses for supervised quarantine and upon the animal being judged free of disease by a licensed veterinarian, the animal may be reclaimed by the owner. (Ord. 1074 § 1 (part), 1992).

6.36.040 **City’s responsibility when owner unknown.**

If the owner of any animal is unknown, the city shall bear expense of supervised quarantine on the premises of a licensed veterinarian or at the Laramie Animal Shelter as required by this chapter and in accordance with the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and Control. (Ord. 1074 § 1 (part), 1992).

6.36.50 **Outbreak of rabies.**

- a. When an animal is positively diagnosed with rabies the Animal Control Officer shall report the findings and her or his recommendations to the City Manager.
- b. The City Manager shall conduct an investigation as to the possibility of a rabies outbreak within the community. If such outbreak is determined likely, the City Manager may issue a proclamation of a rabies outbreak.
 1. The proclamation shall be published by such means as reasonable in the city, requiring the owner of every mammal to confine or securely muzzle it for such time of quarantine as specified in the proclamation. During the time specified it shall be unlawful for the mammal to be off the premises of its owner.
 2. It shall be the duty of the Animal Control Officer to capture and impound, as such proclamation may direct, every mammal found at large contrary to such proclamation after expiration of twelve hours from the first publication thereof. (Ord. 1099 § 1 (part), 1993; Ord. 1074 § 1 (part), 1992).

* Prior ordinance history: Ord. 657.

Chapter 6.40

VIOLATIONS

Sections:

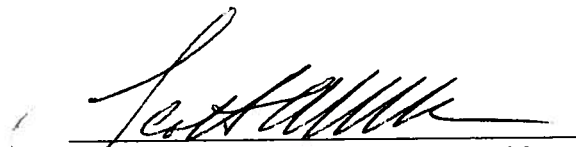
6.40.040 Exemption for dogs in police work.

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Sections 6.04.060, 6.04.120, 6.04.170, and 6.06.050 do not apply to any dog or its owner when the dog is accompanied by a certified peace officer who is on duty and the dog is actually engaged in police work or training for police work. (Ord. 1074 § 1 (part), 1992).

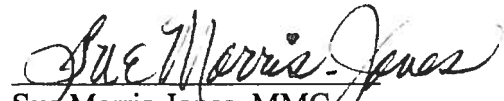
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